

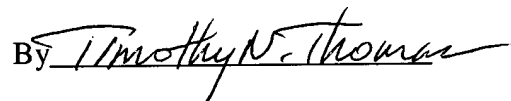
REMARKS

This subject application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/842,541, filed April 26, 2001.

Claims 1, 5, and 7 have been amended and claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice for possible submission in a continuing application.

In view of this Preliminary Amendment, consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding matters that can be addressed in a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome such an interview.

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